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Scoliosis and X-rays

Scoliosis: an abnormal curvature of the spine

- occurs ages 10 to 15
- more common in girls
- may require a brace or other corrective treatment

Patient's progress routinely checked by x-rays

But developing breast tissue is especially sensitive to x-rays

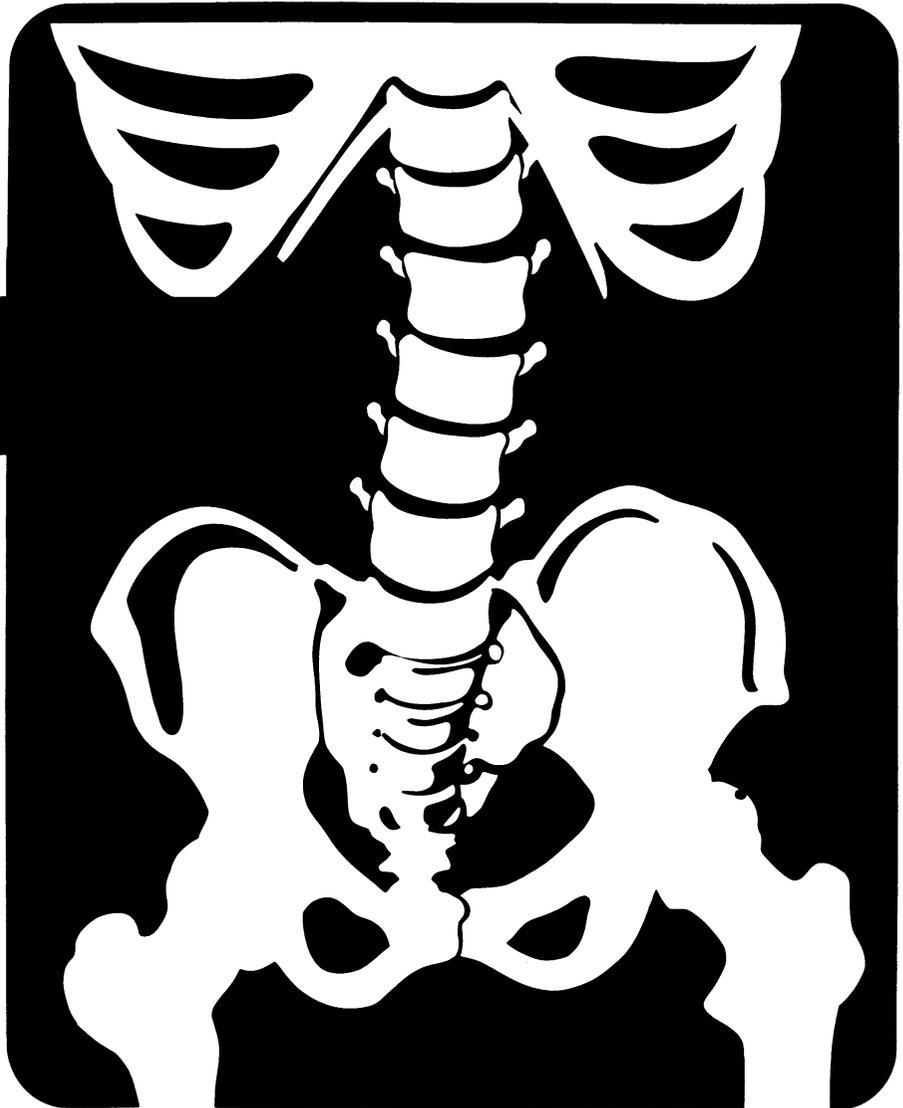
Reducing radiation will decrease risk of breast cancer later

X-ray exposure can be reduced as much as 360-fold with:

- special filters
- 'fast' film/screen combinations
- breast shielding, or positioning away from x-ray machine

Ask your doctor:

What radiation-reduction methods will be used when my child is x-rayed?



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